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► Kathie James, left, and Lisa Vettese are London-bound to take in the royal wedding festivities Friday.

Calgarians jet-setting to royal wedding

► Local bridal industry employees scouting trends at royal wedding ► Royal wedding trip instead of annual bridal show

Calgarian Lisa Vettese remembers having a sleepover and getting up in the middle of the night to watch Prince Charles and Lady Diana's wedding on TV in 1981. This year, however, she is going all out.

She was booked on a Tuesday evening flight and will be in London for Kate and William's big day.

Vettese and her friend Kathie James, who between them have more than 50 years of experience in the bridal industry, began planning the trip in January.

"Initially we were going to the bridal show in the Bahamas but we decided it would be great to go to the royal wedding instead," explained Vettese.

"It was just meant to be a fun holiday for Kathie and myself but

everyone wants to know about it and the response has been great," added Vettese.

The women are not alone in their excitement. Josh Traptow of the Calgary chapter of the Monarchist League of Canada has also noticed a lot of anticipation. "People are looking forward to all the pomp and pageantry."

Overwhelming interest has led Vettese and James to start tweeting and blogging about their experience.

"I trust it will be absolutely chaotic and we haven't decided if we will camp out or not," added Vettese, "but I am looking forward to bringing back ideas to Calgary and trends."

● CAROLINA NOVOTNY



► Prince William and Kate Middleton

Follow along

- You can follow their adventures on Twitter @CalgaryBride or by visiting their blog at www.calgarybride.ca.
- Wedding is Friday, April 29 and will begin at 4 a.m. local time.



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French is no longer mandatory for Calgary students

Making French classes optional for students is another effort by the Calgary Board of Education to personalize learning, a representative said yesterday.

Starting this fall, schools teaching those in fourth through sixth grades will now consult with their community before deciding whether to offer second-language courses.

Students in seventh, eighth and ninth grades meanwhile, will still have opportunities to learn other languages, but not necessarily French, said superintendent of learning innovation Cathy Faber.

"We have got buckets of research that tells us when students are provided with choices, and they choose to engage in areas where they can, their success is increased."

Current French courses within the CBE accounted for 75 minutes of class time per week, Faber said.

She said the programming change is not related to the CBE's ongoing struggle to cover a nearly \$62-million budget shortfall.

"Those so-called 'French teachers' have many skills," she said.

Parents were informed of the changes in a letter mailed home late last week.

The Calgary Catholic School District is not planning changes to its French program.

● JEREMY NOLAIS



► Orphee Landa is being remembered as a caring person with many friends. His uncle said he sang in his church's choir.



► This is a similar-looking vehicle to the one investigators believe may be linked to his death.

Homicide police investigating body

► Victim identified by uncle as 25-year-old Calgary resident Orphee Landa ► Investigators hoping to find vehicle seen at his residence Friday night ► Public funeral likely to be held Saturday, says family



JEREMY NOLAIS
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The family of Calgary resident Orphee Landa was dealt another blow yesterday as investigators confirmed they are now treating the discovery of his naked body Friday as a homicide.

"We don't have any words," said the 25-year-old's uncle Ludjess Lutaba.

"We don't know why somebody would have done this to him. That's our problem."

Lutaba said Landa's

younger brother Francis answered the door of their home early Friday morning and an individual asked for his brother.

Family members have told RCMP Landa left with the individual in a green 2000 Chevrolet Impala.

Sgt. Patrick Webb is now hoping the public can assist investigators with finding that vehicle.

"We don't know what it's going to tell us, but if you don't ask the question you don't get the answer," he said.

Landa's immediate family was not available for

comment yesterday, but Lutaba said they hope to take possession of his body sometime today.

Lutaba said the family is in shock and some are coping with feelings of guilt over what happened.

"The same night they had dinner together, they said goodnight and that was it," he said.

"We hope the police will find some answers. We just want to know."



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Questions remain

The body identified as Orphee Landa was found along 242nd Avenue, west of 80th Street near Okotoks Friday morning.

1 The cause of death has yet to be determined. RCMP said an autopsy is scheduled for today.

2 Landa, a native of the Congo, had been living with his family in Calgary and was studying business at Mount Royal University.

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► Paula Magdich, director of the black-cart program, is seen yesterday as black carts are delivered to Tuscany homes.

New receptacles debut in Tuscany

► Northwest Calgary community welcomes first of 120,000 garbage-only black carts slated for delivery



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Residents of the northwest community of Tuscany emerged from their homes yesterday to find shiny new black carts on their curbs.

Identical to the blue carts currently used for recycling, the black carts — intended for garbage — allow for more automated garbage pickup, much like recycling.

Yesterday's deliveries were the first in the northwest quadrant, and with 20,000 to be delivered weekly, the city expects to have all homes in the northwest and southwest

Black-cart era

► Calgarians are asked to leave one foot between their black and blue carts for easier pickup, says the program's director.

► The City of Calgary is also running a program to recycle old metal or plastic garbage cans by dropping them off at either the Shepard Landfill, East Calgary Landfill or Spyhill Landfill from April 23 to June 30.

equipped with black carts by the end of June, according to Paula Magdich, the city's black-cart program manager.

"We have had very good feedback," said Magdich.

"Ninety-five per cent of black-cart users say it's improved garbage collection, and 67 per cent agree their community is cleaner since the program was instated."

Rebecca Graham, a long-time resident of Tuscany who just received her cart, was eager to use the new garbage bin.

"I think it's great. It means there aren't guys out there having to (manually) pick up the garbage," said Graham, adding she also hopes people will limit the amount of garbage they put out by having the single container.

For more information, visit Calgary.ca.

INNOVATIVE GRANT

Calgary's four most awesome ideas to vie for \$1K

Awesome Calgary has narrowed the field to four in its quest to grant an innovative individual with \$1,000.

The final four ideas include a device known as Fire Tornado, which marries a gas fireplace and dust devil, and a project, called 100 Year Old Houses, that is aimed at celebrating centennial structures in town.

The final four will gather at the Endeavour Arts Gallery Thursday at 6 p.m. to make their final pitches. For more information, visit awesomecalgary.org.

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Construction accident closes roads

Downtown roads were closed and the Calgary Fire Department high-angle team brought in after scaffolding was reported to have fallen off a downtown highrise.

A crane was brought in to help remove the material and secure dangling debris. ● METRO

RCMP

Deal with complaints faster: Report

A report into the 1999 shooting of a prisoner in an Alberta RCMP holding cell is recommending the force be more prompt in investigating complaints about the behaviour of officers.

Fatality inquiry Judge Derek Redmond also says it should be manda-

tory that interim actions be considered in cases involving officers with anger management issues.

Redmond points out there had been numerous complaints about Const. Michael Ferguson before he shot and killed a man at the detachment in Pincher Creek, Alta.

Darren Varley was shot twice during a scuffle with Ferguson, who said he acted in self-defence when Varley went for his gun.

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Some Alta. daycares not up to par, says sociologist

Alberta parents are being warned to exercise vigilance when it comes to choosing a daycare program for their young children.

University of Calgary sociologist Dr. Tom Langford says the province's decision earlier this month to scrap a plan that would see accreditation become mandatory for all daycares leaves some facilities operating below necessary standards.

"Middle-income Albertans who earn too much to qualify for subsidies are very price sensitive when looking for child care," Langford said in a release.

"They are a group that often go for cheaper options like independent, unregulated family day homes

\$628 The maximum daycare subsidy offered in Alberta presently is \$628 per month for an infant and \$546 for a toddler or preschooler.

and unaccredited daycares simply because their family budgets are stretched to the breaking point."

Langford is the author of Alberta's Day Care Controversy, a historical study of child-care policies in the province between 1908 and 2009.

The sociologists said low-income families are also at risk as the province's daycare subsidies often don't cover the cost charged by centres with educated staff.

● METRO

Election riding: Calgary Southwest



Heffernan



Christie



LaMontagne



Heather



Harper

Metro asked the Calgary Southwest candidates the following questions: 1) What is your past political experience? 2) What do you think is the biggest issue in your constituency? 3) What are you doing to get more people engaged in the election process?

NDP: Holly Heffernan. Age: 54. Occupation: Labour strategist for the United Way and a nurse currently on leave from Alberta Health Services.

1. Ran in two provincial elections and this is my third time running against Harper. I've also been involved in my union since 1978.

2. Transportation infrastructure and access to health care are the biggest issues.

3. Contacting people. I've been on email a whole bunch answering people's questions and answering phone calls. Putting out signs. Just talking to people.

Green: Kelly Christie. Age: 50. Occupation: Construction supervisor.

1. Green party candidate in Calgary Southwest in 2008. Finished with nine per cent, only 175 votes behind the second place Liberal.

2. The economy, health care. Legalizing cannabis will save money on policing, courts, provide tax revenue and save money on expensive pharmaceuticals.

3. I am using social media, Internet forums and waving signs at busy intersections during rush hour.

Liberal: Marlene LaMontagne. Age: 76. Occupation: Recently completed a six-year term as a senator at the University of Calgary. Previously chair of quasi-judicial boards.

1. A lifelong Liberal, came second in election 2008 as the candidate in Calgary Southwest and was previous-

ly a Liberal candidate in election 2000 in the MacLeod Riding.

2. One of the biggest issues in Calgary Southwest is the plight of single seniors who are trying to scrape by on inadequate pensions. Measures such as income-splitting are of no use to single parents or single and widowed seniors.

3. With the help of several young Liberals, we are planning some exciting events in Calgary Southwest that we hope will awaken everyone to the privilege and importance of voting on May 2.

Independent: Larry Heather. Age: 57. Occupation: Audio editing-radio show producer and work in logistics industry.

1. This is my eighth run at federal politics since 1984, this time as an Independent for Calgary Southwest.

2. The biggest issue in our riding is restoring the

Supremacy of God back into the running of our country therefore defending the unborn children's right to life.

3. Representing the under-represented Social Conservatives who as a voting bloc one day may reactivate and actually vote in accordance with their convictions. Encouraging the texters and tweeters to go beyond the vote into serious political engagement of their rights and responsibilities. Social media is effective in overturning conventions, but are the substitutes after the swarming worthy of the role?

Conservative: Stephen Harper. Unavailable for comment
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Thou shalt not speak its name

Neither the name of a cancer-stricken Conservative colleague nor the word asbestos passed Stephen Harper's lips yesterday as he defended Canada's export of the deadly carcinogen that has afflicted Transport Minister Chuck Strahl.

Instead, Harper used

a campaign stop in Asbestos, Que., to promote his party as a stout promoter of a dying industry.

"The only party that defends the chrysotile industry is our party, the Conservative party," Harper said in French, at a seniors' home 150 kilometres outside Montreal.

Chrysotile is the name used by the government-funded industry lobby group. The Chrysotile Institute promotes white asbestos and attempts to soften laws restricting or banning its use.

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Grits: 'The base is back'

A covert Liberal ground game has brought disenfranchised party faithful back into the fold, Michael Ignatieff said yesterday.

The Liberal chief is confident those 800,000 Grits who stayed home in the 2008 election will come out

to vote on May 2.

"The base is back," he said. Ignatieff credits his pavement pounding with winning back Liberals who couldn't bring themselves to go to the ballot box when Stéphane Dion led the party.

"I've spent a year and a half on that bus, a year and a half on Open Mike town halls," Ignatieff said.

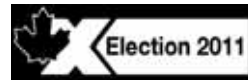
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Imagine all the people voting NDP

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▶ NDP Leader Jack Layton waves from the steps of his campaign plane as he arrives in Toronto yesterday.

▶ In new ad Layton says he won't stop until job done ▶ NDP up in polls

Jack Layton is no John Lennon, but the piano-playing, left-leaning NDP leader is nonetheless urging Canadian voters to explore the boundaries of their political imaginations.

The party's latest ad, titled Imagine, urges viewers to think seriously about making a prime minister of Layton — a man whose party has never had the heft to genuinely challenge the Liberals or Conservatives.

It's a dramatic departure from the usual fare of animated cut-outs and low-budget Tory bashing,

another clear sign that with opinion polls suggesting a surge in popularity in Quebec and elsewhere, the NDP is in unfamiliar territory.

No one, it seems, knows that better than their leader.

"I'm a New Democrat," a pragmatic-sounding Layton said yesterday in Montreal, when confronted with the reality that more votes may not mean more seats.

"We're used to ... having people come and be interested in our ideas, but then because of our current electoral system we don't get the number of seats that are warranted by the percentage of vote that we get." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Judge mulls over military death

A military judge reserved his decision yesterday on a defence request to drop a manslaughter charge against a former soldier charged in the fatal shooting of a fellow reservist in Afghanistan.

A lawyer for Matthew Wilcox of Glace Bay, N.S., argued that the manslaughter charge should not proceed because it was stayed at his client's first court martial.

Wilcox, who was a cor-

poral, was found guilty in July 2009 of criminal negligence causing death and negligent performance of a military duty in the death of Cpl. Kevin Megeney of Stellarton, N.S.

However, the Court Martial Appeal Court of Canada set aside the guilty verdict last year after Wilcox's lawyers argued the makeup of a military jury was unfair. The appeal court ordered a new trial in the death of Megeney,

25, who died after he was shot in his tent in Kandahar on March 6, 2007.

As the new court martial got underway yesterday, defence lawyer David Bright said the manslaughter charge was put before the original trial as an alternative to the charge of criminal negligence causing death.

At the time, prosecutors said the two charges were considered different versions of manslaughter and

carried the same penalty. The military jury was told it had to choose one or the other in its deliberations.

But Bright told military judge Lt.-Col. Louis-Vincent d'Auteuil that the appeal court had only directed a retrial on criminal negligence causing death and negligent performance of a military duty, and there are no legal grounds that allow the judge to bring back the manslaughter charge.

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▶ Cpl. Matthew Wilcox of Glace Bay, N.S., is escorted from his court martial during a break in proceedings in Sydney, N.S., yesterday.

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The other brunette Kate

Yes, she really is Kate Middleton.

Kate Middleton, the Boston bicycle enthusiast, that is.

But that hasn't stopped the 32-year-old from being confused with the woman who is about to marry Prince William. Recently, Facebook accused the Boston Middleton of being an impostor and deleted her account. Various media reporters also keep showing up at ATA Cycle, a Concord, Mass., bicycle shop where she works, and asking her to speak in a British accent.

"I'm really not interested in pretending I'm British," said Middleton, who is originally from Louisville, Ky. "And I'm not really interested in pretending I'm the other Kate Middleton, so I basically refused on all five

"Further evidence one doesn't really exist unless they are royalty ..."

KATE MIDDLETON TWEETED, AFTER FACEBOOK DELETED HER ACCOUNT AND UNTAGGED HER PHOTOS

requests to speak in a British accent."

The mix-up began in January after Middleton tried to log on to her Facebook account only to find that the account had been suspended on suspicion of it being fake. She wrote Facebook an email and said that, yes, her name was Kate Middleton and asked if could she have her account back.

"Will the real Kate Middleton please stand up?" she tweeted, after the Facebook deletion.

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► Kate Middleton, who shares the same name with the future bride of Prince William, poses in Concord, Mass., yesterday. Recently, Facebook accused the Boston Middleton of being an impostor and deleted her account.

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Cameras ready to roll at Abbey

► Royal wedding prep includes bomb checks, maple-tree planting and early spectators ► Police fear Islamist or Irish extremists could target ceremony

New flags went up, cleaning crews scrubbed down, police checked for explosives and two die-hard fans were already camping out.

Welcome to Westminster Abbey, ground zero for Britain's royal wedding frenzy.

Scores of police carefully examined the large temporary media structures that have gone up near the venerable abbey in central London, which will offer standing room for the thousands of journalists expected to cover Friday's



► Guen Murray

nuptials of Prince William and Kate Middleton.

Police slid mini-cameras inside piles of scaffolding pipes to make sure no bombs were hidden.

Workmen also delivered some surprising wedding floral decorations to

"Well, get wet."

GUEN MURRAY, 76, WHO IS CAMPING OUTSIDE THE ABBEY WITH HER TWO DAUGHTERS, WHEN ASKED WHAT SHE WILL DO IF IT RAINS

the abbey. Instead of flowers, five men hoisted an 18-year-old potted maple tree inside. In all, six field maples and two hornbeams will line the aisle leading up to the altar.

Streets in London were being sealed off so hundreds of troops from the city's Wellington and Hyde Park Barracks could

participate in a pre-dawn dress rehearsal this morning involving those expected to line the procession route.

Police plan to deploy about 5,000 officers to monitor the royal wedding procession, but Assistant Commissioner Lynne Owens appealed to the public yesterday to be on guard amid fears that Irish or Islamist extremists could target the ceremony.

"We really need you to be our eyes and our ears," Owens said.

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Squint. Sculpture



► Micro Kate Middleton and Prince William

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Standing in the eye of a needle

A micro-sculpture by artist Willard Wigan shows the royal wedding couple in the eye of a needle, on display at The Castle Gallery in Birmingham.



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Sniper victims lie scattered in Syria after raid

- Army kills at least 22 people in latest raid before dawn
- World leaders ask authoritarian to show 'restraint'

Residents of the southern Syrian city of Daraa braved sniper fire yesterday to pull the bullet-riddled bodies of the dead from the streets and hide them from security forces, a day after a brutal government crackdown on the popular revolt against President Bashar Assad, witnesses said.

As heavy gunfire reverberated through Daraa, a Syrian human-rights group said authorities detained dozens of people across the country, mainly in several Damascus suburbs, including the town of

Douma and in the northern coastal city of Jableh.

The Syrian army, backed by tanks and snipers, killed at least 22 people in a raid launched before dawn Monday on Daraa, where the uprising began more than a month ago. Security forces also conducted raids in the towns of Douma and Jableh.

World leaders expressed concern at the mounting bloodshed, with the United States starting to draw up sanctions against Assad, diplomats hoping to send a strong

signal to Damascus from the United Nations and the prime minister of neighbouring Turkey telephoning the Syrian leader to urge restraint.

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400

A relentless crackdown since mid-March has seen more than 400 people killed across Syria, with 120 dead over the weekend, rights groups said.

Remembering. Chornobyl



► Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich, right, and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev ring bells yesterday at a Chornobyl commemoration in Ukraine.

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Defending nuclear power

Tough new guidelines could help prevent accidents like the massive Chornobyl meltdown, Russia's President Dmitry Medvedev insisted yesterday, defending nuclear energy during solemn ceremonies commemorating the 25th anniversary of the worst nuclear accident in history. Medvedev and Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich took part in a religious service outside Chornobyl's damaged No. 4 nuclear reactor.

News in brief

Former pope to be blessed

BEATIFICATION. Blood taken from Pope John Paul II during his final hospitalization will be used as the official relic for veneration after he is beatified.

The Vatican made the statement yesterday, putting to rest questions about what relic would be presented during Sunday's beatification.

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EU centre still divided

FALL. Belgium marked an anniversary yesterday, but no one is celebrating.

One year ago, King Albert II accepted the resignation of the government. One election and countless negotiations later, the search for a new governing coalition is still on.

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NEW TABLETS ARE "UNIQUELY SONY"

Sony Corp. is planning a tablet computer it promises will make the best of its "saku saku," or nifty, technology that allows for smooth online access and for getting browsers working almost instantly after a touch.

The tablet, code-named S1, comes with a 24-centimetre touch panel similar to Apple's iPad

for enjoying online content and for email and social networking.

Sony also has an S2 prototype, a smaller mobile device with two 14-centimetre displays that can be folded like a book.

Both run on Android 3.0. The release date is in September, Sony said, but there's no word on prices. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Manitoba to invest \$1M in electric bus

The province is hoping the all-electric transit bus will one day be used all over North America. Premier Greg Selinger says Manitoba aims to be a leader in developing electric vehicles to help cut greenhouse-gas emissions. The prototype bus will be ready in 12 months.

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Market moment





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Copper is 'the new gold'

► Demand for the hottest metal on the market is only going to get hotter as demand exceeds rare supply

More big miners are expected to follow the world's largest gold company into the copper sector as its price soars in response to China's growing hunger for the metal.

Canada's Barrick Gold Corp. took a bold step into copper on Monday with a \$7.3-billion bid to acquire Equinox Minerals Ltd.

Copper is likely to hover at record prices for the next few years, because there isn't enough supply in the world to feed China's demand for the metal used in electric cables, cars, cell-phones and trains, says Patricia Mohr, commodities specialist at Scotiabank.

The price of copper closed at \$4.32 US yesterday, below the record of \$4.60 set in February. But Mohr said copper is still bringing in "huge" profit margins of 70 per cent and more, while other metals bring in about 50 per cent. "That's why I've been calling copper the new gold," she said.

The number of viable gold mines is thinning out, so gold miners have to look to other metals to grow their business. Mohr said opportunities to buy established copper miners are rare, and many firms could start bidding wars to acquire one. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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LEFT, RIGHT OR MIDDLE — IT'S YOUR CHOICE

JUST SAYING ...

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I am Canadian. Thanks to a certain beer commercial, you already know what that means. I vote with my heart since my head is only good for parking one of those hats with earflaps. When I was very young, I voted NDP. Then, one day I got tired of wasting my vote, so I voted for Pierre Trudeau, even though he thought the West was something you flew over on the way to visit Margaret's parents in Vancouver.

Even though he flipped off Prairie farmers and launched the National Energy Program, which is why no Liberals get elected in Alberta to this day.

I had a brief moment of remorse and voted for Joe Clark, the favourite son of High River, Alta. But as Progressive a Conservative as Joe was, he was still a long way from Ed Broadbent.

"I grew up in the geographical centre of Canada, Winnipeg, and from there, you can see both sides. Winnipeg elects a lot of Liberals, who can also see both sides."

So I went back and wasted my vote for another couple of elections. Don't blame me for Brian Mulroney. I voted NDP.

Then I surprised myself and voted for Kim Campbell, even if she was going out with a guy who was trying to sell running shoes with springs in them. Of course, she was crushed by the Little Guy/petit gars from Shawinigan, and so at the next available opportunity, I went Little Guy, even though there was really nothing little about him. Especially his ego.

By the time Jean Chrétien was ushered off

the stage, I had settled into a Liberal voting pattern, which is probably where my heart belongs. I grew up in the geographical centre of Canada, Winnipeg, and from there, you can see both sides. Winnipeg elects a lot of Liberals, who can also see both sides.

Liberals are often accused of riding the fence, and that was certainly Paul Martin's problem — he spent his brief reign impaled on a picket, but I voted for him anyway.

So here we go again.

Stephen Harper? Can't sing. Never trust anyone who is a semi-tone flat but insists on singing in public anyway. Karaoke hog.

Jack Layton? Can't count. If we give him the keys to the Canadian economy, he will take it for a joyride until it runs out of gas.

Elizabeth May? Can't get elected. It's like voting Rhinoceros, just not as much fun.

My heart says to vote for Michael Ignatieff, who is one of the most well-educated guys ever to run for prime minister, but I guess summa cum laude doesn't get you to Sussex Drive.

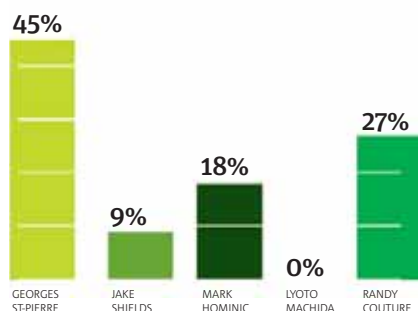
I am Canadian. It doesn't really matter if my choice wins. What matters is that I vote, because I can.

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Who is the best-looking UFC fighter on Saturday's card for UFC 129 in Toronto?



Local tweets



- ▶ @Teira Marie: What's the best way to get my hands on some good 2nd hand #golf clubs? Start or end of the season? Suggestions? #yyyc
- ▶ @dollhouseyy: In one day looks like Marda Loop is one giant leap closer to being a fantastic walkable Neighbourhood! #sccayyc #yyyc
- ▶ @RajShermanMLA: I challenge the Premier to meet me outside the house chambers so I may present him the proof, at 120pm tomorrow #ableg
- ▶ #yeg #yyyc #abhealth @PoliticsGuy: God, more rain in #yyyc? I'm ready for several days of straight sunshine.
- ▶ @LouisaValentina: big black clouds over #yyyc, springtime thunderstorms? #yesplease, just make sure you're done by the weekend/for the rest of spring, thankss <3
- ▶ @koldfusion: Twitter Revolt in #yyyc! The day Shaw switches to UBB we take all our STBs, modems, then dump them on front door at Barlow Building.

#elxn41: Tweets

We asked: Turnout in Canadian elections can be quite low. What's a reason you wouldn't vote?

- ▶ @jen2sen: I am voting but really they are all the same why can't politicians work together for the greater good?
- ▶ @megelizah: I don't like the choices & I don't just want to pick the one I dislike the least ... So maybe I'll just spoil my ballot?
- ▶ @timwadephul: Ignorance. It can be really hard to find proper/unbiased information about not just party leaders, but local representatives
- ▶ @brittanymaria: Informed voting and political engagement is so important but I think many people feel alienated by the political parties.
- ▶ @stevequinton: I'm voting but if I didn't it would be because politicians are all elitist a-holes. They only care about their careers.
- ▶ @lor1b3nn3tt: frustration with who to vote for. & it would be nice to vote directly for our pm instead of the way we do it in Canada.
- ▶ @jla30: Don't like the candidates #elxn41

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WEIRD NEWS

Handing the keys over to a new generation

No more hieroglyphics. No more quill pen and inkwell. Now the mechanical typewriter may be on the endangered list.

The owners of the world's last remaining mechanical typewriter factory have shut the plant's doors because of declining orders, CBC News reports.

Godrej & Boyce Manufacturing Co. Ltd. has shuttered its facility in Mum-

bai, India, where, as recently as 2009, the company was making 12,000 mechanical typewriters per year.

"We are not getting many orders now," general manager Milind Dukle told India's Business Standard newspaper. "This might be the last chance for typewriter lovers."

Mechanical typewriters are prized in India for their ease, efficiency and durability. As many as 400 million Indians lack reliable electricity, so the devices were widely used in the courts and government bureaucracy.

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An idiot's guide to the Royals

► Who's who in the Windsor family? ► Here's everything you need to know

Position: Her Royal Highness, The Queen
Who? Became Queen at 25. Head of State for the U.K. and 15 other Commonwealth realms including Canada, patron of more than 600 charities, advises the government.
Scandal: Consistently dignified, although her dislike for Princess Di was made public.



Her Majesty the Queen

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Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

Position: Husband to The Queen
Who? Accompanies The Queen on her duties. Patron or president of 800-plus organizations.
Scandal: Infamous for embarrassing gaffes like asking an Aboriginal person whether they still throw spears on a state visit to Australia.

Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall



Position: Second wife of Prince Charles
Who? Married Charles in 2005, and supports him in his duties.
Scandal: Unglamorous but jolly second wife of Prince Charles.

Charles, Prince of Wales



Princess Anne



Prince Andrew, Duke of York



Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex



Diana, Princess of Wales



Position: Late ex-wife of Prince Charles
Who? Hugely popular and glamorous, committed to her daring charity work with AIDS-sufferers and anti-land-mine organizations. Divorced Charles in 1996, died in 1997.

Position: The Queen's oldest son
Who? Runs umbrella group of 20 charities, patron to 400.
Scandal: Had affair with his old flame Camilla Parker-Bowles, their intimate relationship revealed in phone call transcripts in which he said he wished he were her tampon.

Position: The Queen's only daughter
Who? Low-key but prolific. President of Save the Children, and patron of more than 320 organizations and charities.
Scandal: Has two children, Zara Philips and Peter Philips



Zara Philips

Position: The Queen's middle son
Who? A Royal Navy helicopter pilot for 22 years.
Scandal: Nicknamed Randy Andy in the '80s for a string of glamorous girlfriends. Most recently his role as trade envoy is threatened by links to billionaire Jeffery Epstein convicted of underage sex.

Sarah Ferguson



Position: The Queen's youngest son
Who? An unacademic Cambridge graduate who left Royal Marines early to work in the theatre.
Scandal: Long rumoured to be gay. In 1986 his TV company produced embarrassing TV charity game show, It's a Royal Knockout.

Sophie, Countess of Wessex



Prince Harry



Position: Youngest son of Prince Charles
Who? Has trained as a tank commander, and currently training as a helicopter pilot with the army.
Scandal: General drunkenness, dressing as a Nazi at a fancy dress party.

Prince William



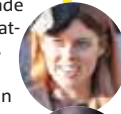
Position: Oldest son of Prince Charles
Who? Helicopter pilot for the RAF, has also followed in his mother's footsteps supporting homeless and AIDS charities.
Scandal: Relatively clean, although chastised for flying helicopter to friend's party.

Kate Middleton



Position: Fiancee of William
Who? Attractive royal bride-to-be. Worked for her parents' online party shop until her engagement.
Scandal: Allegedly her mother pushed her to attend St. Andrews University in order to meet her prince charming.

Princess Beatrice and Princess Eugenie



Position: Children
Who? Party-going student daughters often photographed falling out of high-society clubs.

Lady Louise and Viscount Severn



Position: Children
Who? Kept out of the media glare.



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Wedding tweets

Hopefully Kate and William's marriage will mark a new generation of royal marriages. Marriages in the previous generation are too-often far from happy. Three of Queen Elizabeth's four children have divorced.



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► Hayden Panettiere stars in Hoodwinked Too! Hood vs. Evil

The art of being an animated actor

- Panettiere tells of the joys of acting out new things
- Starring in flick Hoodwinked Too! Hood vs. Evil

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With her latest movie, Hayden Panettiere may now boast that she's portrayed Little Red Riding Hood but the actress insists that's not where her interest in fairy-tale characters ends.

"Every girl would kill to play Cinderella or Sleeping Beauty or Snow White," said Panettiere during a recent phone interview from Manhattan. "There are infinite possibilities."

Best-known for her role on TV's *Heroes*, Panettiere leads an ensemble voice cast in Friday's release of the animated-sequel *Hoodwinked Too! Hood vs. Evil* — an irreverent comedy that places Red Riding Hood as a butt-kicking operative of the HEA (Happily Ever After) agency. When Hansel and Gretel

Humour

Hayden tells Metro her favourite joke.

► **Quote:** "I think the giant at some point says, 'who in the Mother Goose is that?'," explained Panettiere of her favourite gag in the film. "You get what it means but its twisted a little bit and these more fantasy-driven ways of explaining (dialogue) — it's clever!"

mysteriously disappear, she heads out with her fabled family to rescue the missing tots.

"It's a little more risqué (than the first movie) but in a very well-thought through way," said Panettiere. "It's one of those films where the humour will translate to kids and

also to adults. Some jokes will probably go over kids' heads but the adults will definitely appreciate it."

No stranger to voice acting, Panettiere hit the stage at age four where she soon lent her vocal talents to such animated classics as 1998's *A Bug Life* and 2000's *Dinosaur*.

In fact, while her other pursuits (she currently also stars in *Scream 4*) are taking off, the 21-year old star insists she'll always keep animation opportunities in mind.

"With voice-acting, it's this different kind of acting where you don't have to have your physicality to convey emotion, it's just your voice," said Panettiere. "There's no such thing as being over-the-top or too goofy so you love it. Then seeing your voice come out of an ant, a lemur, Little Red Riding Hood — it's cool."

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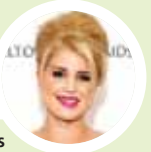
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Lindsay will work close to dead bodies

▶ Actress' community service to include doing time at Los Angeles coroner

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While Lindsay Lohan is facing four months behind bars, she's also been ordered to complete 480 hours of community service — and 120 of those hours around dead bodies, according to People magazine.

Lohan will spend a portion of her community service time working for the Los Angeles district coroner.

"She won't be handling any dead bodies but she'll certainly see them," coroner assistant chief Ed Winter told the magazine last week.

Instead, Lohan will be handling janitorial tasks like emptying trash cans and cleaning floors and bathrooms.

Lohan will serve her remaining 360 community service hours at a local women's shelter.

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"She won't be handling any dead bodies but she'll certainly see them."

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▶ Lindsay Lohan

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► The cold waters of the Pacific teem with colour and life under the surface in British Columbia. Some of the most beautiful parts of the province lie under the surface of the ocean, say divers, who come from around the world to explore the colourful marine life and underwater creatures that call the Pacific home.

Go explore B.C.'s underwater wonders

► Canada's West Coast beauty is not limited to forests and mountains

From a crevice on the ocean floor, the prehistoric-looking face of a wolf eel emerges from the darkness, all bulging eyes and warts bobbing toward the camera.

Most divers off the coast of British Columbia consider an encounter with these pucker creatures one of the highlights of plying the waters off the West Coast of Canada. Sometimes called the "puppies" of the sea, described as among the friendliest creatures to be

encountered in the wild, eager to cuddle at popular dive sites where they have become accustomed to visitors from above the surface.

"They look mean, they look ugly but, just as long as you're careful, you can actually go and touch them, they will snuggle with you," says Paul Kennell, creator of CoolDives.com, a website dedicated to diving off the B.C. coast. "They're funny looking things but they're pretty gentle, generally."

Kennell has explored

oceans around the world in his 15 years of diving but reserves his best reviews for his home waters. The tropics are warmer, says Kennell, "but the diving is also nowhere near as exciting."

Lore has it that famed underwater explorer Jacques Cousteau proclaimed the waters off the coast of British Columbia the best cold-water diving in the world. Scuba Diving Magazine readers chose B.C. the No. 1 diving site in

North America last year.

"The diving around B.C. is amongst the best in the world," agrees Greg Dom-bowsky, curator of Dive.BC.ca and author of the Divers Guide Vancouver Island South.

The waters off the B.C. coast boast the giant Pacific octopus, the biggest sea stars and forests of giant sponges. Under the surface, the water teems with a rainbow of life, including anemones, sea cucumbers and coral. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

If you go ...

- Tourism British Columbia's website (hellobc.com) includes information on diving in the province, diving tours and practical tips for planning a vacation.
- CoolDives.com has information and online bookings for scuba diving trip.
- Dive.BC.ca is another website that has great information, photos and videos to help plan a trip.

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Travel in brief



Some of the best pictures from the news in 2010, including award-winning images from Haiti, are going on display at the Newseum in Washington. The Pictures of the Year exhibit opens Friday. The Newseum says it includes Lady Gaga's first appearance in a Washington museum.

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Presley, Ali photos tell stories of two American icons at Pennsylvania museum



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You'd almost think you were somewhere in the middle of the Australian outback, but acres of sand, leaping lizards and miles of cacti are only as far as trendy Scottsdale, Ariz.

It was amazing to discover

only a few minutes walk behind Scottsdale's upscale Four Seasons hotel lies a whole other barren world. More than 200,000 tourists visit this wild area every year, to scale the rocky desert mountain known as Pinnacle Peak. Believe me, this is no easy task, especially when it's 30C in the shade!

On the way up, I encountered wild desert jack rabbits, lizards galore and even spotted the elusive javelina pig that is well known to the desert locals. After hiking straight uphill for more than an hour, I found myself out of breath and a bit embarrassed, when a group of seniors suddenly jogged by me without so much as a gasp.

The pinnacle hike is worth the effort though, if only for the million dollar panoramic view of the desert. Feeling embold-



► Taking a drive in a desert dune buggy is a great way to spend an afternoon in Scottsdale, Ariz.

ened by my brush with nature, my next adventure was nothing short of a blast — literally.

Desert Wolf adventures offers truly the most spectacular back-road tour I've ever been on. They actually trusted me to drive my own custom desert dune buggy called a Tomcar, through some of the bumpiest, roughest, downright gut

churning terrain a city boy has ever experienced.

These remote desert roads — if you can call them that — are so full of giant potholes and giant boulders, it's like an extended roller coaster ride.

Way out in the middle of the desert we visited an ancient Indian fort, high atop a bluff, with a view of hundreds of famous Saguaro

cactus almost resembling an army below us.

These strange giant cacti are so rare and valuable, that a full grown one can fetch thousands of dollars. But out here in the heart of the Sonoran desert they stood proud and plentiful as far as the eye could see. This sight alone is worth the trip to Arizona's outback.

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CANADIANS LOVE THEIR REWARDS CARDS

So much so that it is estimated that 94% of us are enrolled in some type of loyalty program, according to market researcher Colloquy.

These programs encourage or 'reward' shoppers for their continued patronage or 'loyalty', in the form of discounts or points that may be redeemed against a variety of goods and services. They also enable the retailer to track their customers'

preferences and trends.

There are a great number and variety of programs, and the list is constantly growing. From specialized credit cards, to retail and grocery club cards, to free refill cards at local cafés, it seems that everyone is vying for loyalty.

Geoff Dillon, a senior director at CIBC says "Certainly one of the trends we're seeing is that people increasingly are focused on value, and they want to earn as many rewards as possible, but particularly on things they buy every day." CIBC's AeroGold card lets you accumulate 1.5 Aeroplan miles for every dollar you spend at gas, grocery and drugstores.

The key to the success of a number of

these programs lies in advances in information technology. Companies are experimenting with new, compelling, high-tech methods to deliver reward programs. LoyaltyOne, the parent company of Air Miles, has just released a new mobile app for the iPhone, explains spokesperson Jeff Fredericks. "The mobile app allows you to find sponsors on the fly, check in to those sponsor locations and see what the best deals are. That has been a tremendous success for us so far."

At the same time, redeeming reward points can help stretch the budget. "We certainly saw during the downturn, that folks were turning to their reward programs to stretch that dollar further,"

says Fredericks. "And, it just makes sense. There are a number of reward items like gift certificates for example, that people were taking advantage of during the tough times."

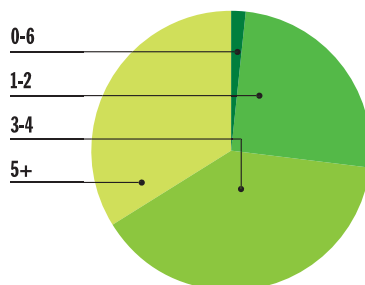
Today, there are myriad ways to redeem accumulated points. For example, Royal Bank Avion cardholders can use their points at a rate of 100 points per dollar to book a trip, hotel, or car rental. The Sears Choice Rewards Program allows customers to earn one point for every dollar spent on eligible purchases using the Sears MasterCard. A common trend is to bundle rewards through partnerships between retailers that allow shoppers to swap their points.

— By Duncan McAllister

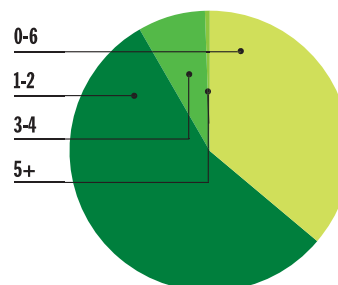
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1. Food
2. Gift Certificates
3. Airfare
4. Cosmetics
5. Clothing
6. Movies
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REWARDS BY THE NUMBERS



CARD FILES

More than 75% of consumers today have at least one loyalty card. It is estimated that one third of all shoppers have two or more cards, according to Jupiter Research.

According to a recent Leger survey, more than 80% of women belong to more than one loyalty program compared to only 69% of men, and one in four women carry at least five loyalty cards.

A Maritz marketing study found that shoppers who are young, female, with children under 18 years, are likely to carry a rewards card.



FLYER PROGRAMS

The airline industry is credited with innovating the frequent flier plans, which were the models for most modern loyalty programs, with American Airlines being one of the first in 1981.

The Air Miles reward program is Canada's largest loyalty program, founded in 1992, with more than 10 million active collector accounts, representing approximately two-thirds of all Canadian households. Air Miles can be earned at more than 100 different sponsors with a thousand different rewards to be redeemed.

In 2009, Aeroplan issued over 2.1 million rewards to its members, including 1.5 million flights on Air Canada and Star Alliance carriers. Aeroplan was originally Air Canada's frequent flyer program created in 1984.



SPENDING HABITS

Loyalty shoppers spend more money, according to a study by marketing group Maritz. They found that consumers who are enrolled in loyalty programs tend to spend more money than non-members.

Loyalty programs increase merchants' sales. In one study, it was found that a popular "baby club" was responsible for increased sales of baby products by 25% on average over six months. It also increased the amounts purchased and increased store traffic by 5%.

Almost every Canadian gas station offers some type of rewards program, such as Canadian Tire money and Petro-Canada's Petro-Points.



WHAT'S NEW

Technology is the leading enabler of rewards programs. Vendors such as RewardMe and FourSquare use QR codes, the popular, square-shaped barcodes that customers scan with their iPhone and Android after they have made a purchase, to collect rewards.

Manufacturers are getting on the rewards bandwagon with promotions that allow you to enter a code from specially marked packages and products into their websites to collect rewards.

Programs are more flexible than ever. Companies like Charity Choice allow you to redeem your points towards any of a 100 different charities from a wide range of rewards programs. Also, the Marriott Hotel Rewards program allows you to donate points to benefit the recent Japan tragedy.

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OPTIONS AROUND FOR CLOTHING AND HOUSEWARES



Rewards programs for clothing and home furnishings used to operate like the Price is Right: you'd gain your credits and then have to spend them on whatever the store put into its Showcase Showdown. Now, it's more Who Wants to Be a Millionaire: turn points into gift cards to spend where you want.

"People prefer to go into the store and look at the 25 different kinds of toasters we may have, rather than one you'd have on the site," explains Stephanie Thornbury of the Hudson Bay Company. "They tend to redeem them for the gift cards."

She says most customers save up HBC Rewards for big ticket items like washers and dryers, but often treat themselves – or treat others at birthdays and Christmas – on the way with smaller items like coffee machines or gift cards for restaurants like Montana's or Swiss Chalet. HBC owns the Bay, Zellers, Home Outfitters and Fields, and its programs connect across the stores.

Like other credit-card tied products, the Royal Bank of Canada's deal with Visa lets members turn points into gift cards to save at retail outlets.

Andrea Shaikin, manager of RBC Rewards, says their program partners with Future Shop, Golf Town, Starbucks and others to allow customers to turn points into savings.

"People are very fond of the gift cards and being able to turn your points into a shopping trip or a gift for someone – that's grown about 20 per cent, year over year, the last two or three years," she says. "Our most popular ones are on the retail side – department stores or gas."

Turning RBC points into pre-set catalogue items like bedding, kitchen appliances and gadgets are a pragmatic way to cash in. RBC Rewards points are still primarily collected through Visa, but Shaikin says they've added a personal deposit account at the bank which can also add points. – *By Jon Tattrie*

CANADIAN TIRE MONEY

In the 1950s, Canadian Tire co-founder A.J. Billes noticed oil companies had started giving their customers toasters and dishes and he decided to offer his customers Canadian Tire money along with their regular change. The first dollar was printed in 1958. By 1961, it was printed on the same paper as regular money and now comes with many of the same anti-counterfeiting technologies. This makes it harder to fake – and makes customers reluctant to throw away bills that feel like the real thing.

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POINTS FOR JOINING

After more than a decade, cashing in PC points is still the quickest, easiest, and most fun part of being a President's Choice Financial services customer.

PC points can be redeemed for many things such as (but not limited to): Free groceries, flowers, gift cards, cosmetics, Joe Fresh Style fashions; electronics and patio furniture. They can even be donated to President's Choice Children's Charity. Customers redeem their points right at the check-out at participating supermarkets

where President's Choice products are sold.

Customers earn 10 PC points for every dollar spent on purchases anywhere the PC MasterCard is accepted, and five PC points for every dollar spent with the PC Financial bank card



at participating stores where President's Choice products are sold. They can first redeem at the 20,000-point level (equivalent to a \$20 purchase), or higher amounts in further 10,000 point increments. There's no limit to how many PC points a customer can build up, and they never expire.

More earning opportunities can be found on the PC points Facebook page. Customers who 'like' the popular page

(with over 55,000 fans and counting) can discover—and inquire about—various new contests and promotions. The page recently announced a three-day '10x Spring Ahead Event,' allowing customers spending \$100 or more at selected Real Canadian Superstore locations to earn 10 times their usual PC points when using their PC Financial Mastercard or bank card.

Facebook wasn't around 10 years ago, but once it got big, PC Financial services got onboard. The PC points page is just one more example of the company listening to its customers, then adapting to their needs. That philosophy will serve it well in next the 10 years, too—bank on it.

CHARGE, EARN, REDEEM

THIS YEAR MARKS THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PRESIDENT'S CHOICE FINANCIAL MASTERCARD IN CANADA.

Since 2001, Canadians have been using their cards for everyday purchases and earning PC points at the same time. The more they use their cards, the more PC points they earn—it's easy. A lot of things come easy to PC Financial MasterCard holders. They receive their first 20,000 PC points in the form of coupons (equiva-

lent to \$20) just for signing up; if they sign up online, they'll earn an additional 5,000 PC points. They also enjoy a low balance transfer rate of 0.97% for six months. And when they need to pay for a product or service at places that don't accept credit cards, they can use a personalized cheque, orderable for free from PC Financial.

Cardholders save money with no annual fee. They can also save paper: Instead of having statements mailed each month, PC Financial Mastercard holders can register for electronic statements, available online at PC Financial's website; receiving e-alerts when statements are ready, and, optionally, when they're due.

All credit card information is secure. Cardholders can quickly review summaries of their accounts and recent transactions anytime at www.pc-financial.ca, logging in with a password. Cardholders can also re-

ceive up to four additional cards on their PC Financial MasterCard accounts, personalized for family members, free of

charge. For added protection, new and reissued cards come with a microchip built in.

Redeeming PC points is a snap, as always. All cardholders have to do is present their PC Financial MasterCard at the check-out at participating stores where PC products are sold,

then tell the cashier they're redeeming their PC points. This is the simplicity that's kept the PC Financial MasterCard popular with Canadians for a decade and counting.

WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE?

President's Choice Financial services is celebrating 10 years of its PC Financial MasterCard in Canada—starting with a contest destined to make 10 winners very happy. The 'Become a PC points Millionaire' contest, running until May 30, 2011, will see 10 Canadians receive one million PC points each, joining the approximately 2,200 Canadians with a points balance of one million or more. A point total that high can be redeemed for \$1,000 of free groceries, fashions, or almost any other item sold at participating Loblaw Companies Limited stores.

Existing cardholders, those wishing to apply for a PC Financial MasterCard or Canadians interested in joining the PC points millionaire club are eligible to enter the contest. Visit www.pcpointscontest.ca for details.

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For PC Financial customers, everyday banking is a chance to earn 'PC points,' redeemable toward free groceries and thousands of other rewards in-store. Customers can also earn PC points by shopping with their PC Financial MasterCard, provided by President's Choice Bank. Both PC Financial MasterCard and PC points accounts can be accessed online.



PERFORMING JUST FOR YOU

ENTERTAINMENT IS A PERSONAL THING, AND SO ARE LOYALTY PROGRAMS.

As some of Canada's biggest entertainment providers have learned, the personal touch scores major points with customers.

"At Indigo Books and Music, people want to be rewarded for everything they purchase from us," says Jennifer Hale, VP, Loyalty & CRM. "Our response is 'plum rewards.'"

Plum rewards members earn 10 points for almost every dollar spent on items in-store, plus up to five per cent off books purchased at chapters.indigo.ca, and there's no fee to join. When they log on to their accounts, they review promotional offers and information about special shopping events, along with book and product recommendations, personalized to them. The more open-minded customers are, the more plum rewards can help.

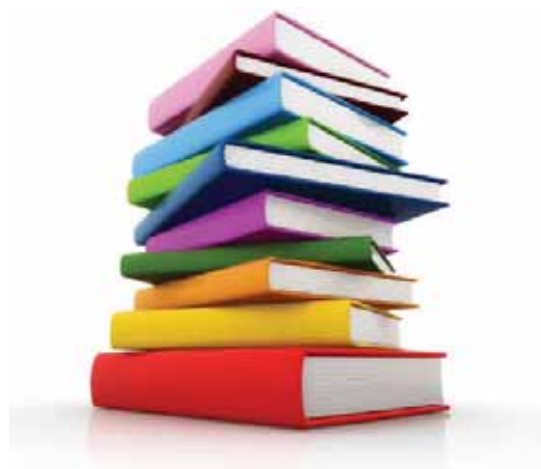
The same is true for SCENE, the loyalty program offered jointly by Cineplex and Scotiabank. Members make purchases with a SCENE card (there are several kinds), earning points and redeeming them for movie tickets and much more.

"Our members love to go out—and they want all the value they can get from a loyalty program," says general manager, Shawn Bloom. SCENE keeps up with them on Facebook and Twitter, and through its new Cineplex app, allowing members to check points balances anywhere and earn SCENE points for all mobile transactions. With the app, they don't need to carry a card at all.

Like SCENE, HMV Canada's 'purehmv' program serves an active membership. "Our members are all passionate about entertainment, but their spending habits vary," says Benjamin Sadeh, manager, customer rewards. "So we created a range of redemption options. We have items valued as low as 3,500 points and as high as 1.2 million."

Customers with a purehmv card earn 100 points for every dollar they spend on HMV products in-store or online, redeeming them for new products, memorabilia, in-store discounts, or for entry in Members Only contests.

What members want, members get. — *By Chris Edwards*



GREAT WAYS TO RACK UP YOUR REWARD POINTS

1. Figure out which programs you're more likely to use. Line them up with your interests.
2. Spend strategically. Use a few loyalty programs otherwise your points will accumulate slowly.
3. Look for cards with bonus point promotions.
4. Make sure your annual credit card fees aren't more than what you redeem your points for.
5. Charge all your monthly expenses, including if you can, utility bills, insurance payments, rent or even your mortgage payment.
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This Salmon with Pesto and Cream Cheese is an easy and delicious way to serve salmon.

I prefer to use homemade pesto, which has fewer calories and less fat than store-bought pesto.

This pesto recipe makes more than what you will use for the salmon; keep it refrigerated for later use.

To toast the pine nuts or almonds, place a dry skillet over high heat, add the nuts and stir often for about 3 minutes.

Preparation:

- 1 Preheat the oven to 425°F. Line a rimmed

baking sheet with foil and lightly coat with cooking spray.

- 2 For the pesto, place all the ingredients in the bowl of a food processor and purée until smooth. Add more water if too thick.

- 3 Combine the cream cheese and pesto in a small bowl until smooth.

- 4 Make a small vertical slit on the top of each salmon fillet to within 1/4 inch of each end and about 1/2 inch deep. Stuff each fillet by dividing the pesto filling between the 6 fillets.

- 5 Arrange spinach, cucumber and olives on a large serving platter. Top with roasted vegetables.

- 6 Place on the prepared baking sheet and bake for 10 minutes per inch of thickness. Garnish with toasted nuts before serving.

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 lb salmon fillet, cut into 6 fillets (about 4 oz. each)
- 1/4 cup low-fat cream cheese (about 2 oz), softened
- 2 Tbsp pesto
- 2 Tbsp toasted pine nuts (or chopped toasted almonds)

Nutrition Watch

Wondering how these recipes stack up nutrition wise? Check out these fast facts.

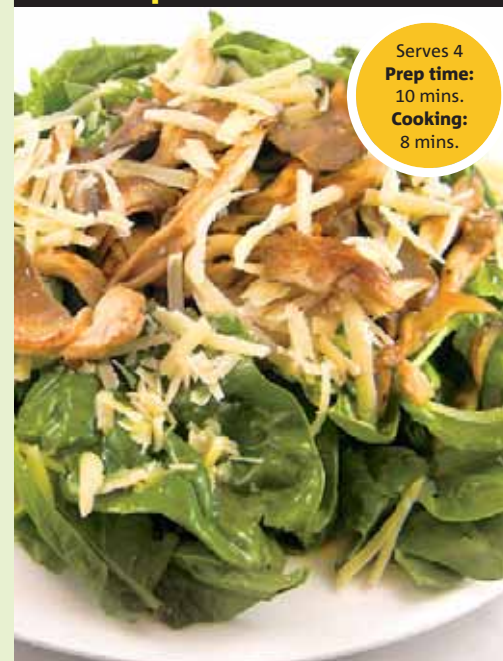
- **Warm Spinach Salad (per serving)**
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 - Carbohydrates 11 g • Fibre 3.1 g • Total fat 13 g
 - Saturated fat 3.5 g • Cholesterol 14 mg • Sodium 328 mg
- **Salmon (per serving)**
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 - Carbohydrates 1 g • Fibre 0.2 g • Total fat 13 g
 - Saturated fat 2.8 g • Cholesterol 77 mg • Sodium 108 mg

- **Pesto (per 1 tbsp)**
 - Calories 41 • Protein 1 g
 - Carbohydrates 0.6 g • Fibre 0.2 g • Total fat 3.9 g
 - Saturated fat 0.9 g • Cholesterol 2 mg • Sodium 22 mg

Pesto

- 1 cup fresh basil leaves
- 2 Tbsp grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 Tbsp toasted pine nuts
- 2 Tbsp light cream cheese, softened
- 1 tsp finely chopped garlic
- 3 Tbsp chicken stock (or vegetable stock or water)
- 2 Tbsp olive oil

Warm Spinach Salad



Serves 4
Prep time:
10 mins.
Cooking:
8 mins.

This salad must be served warm so the cheese softens over the warmed mushrooms. Use any variety of mushroom. The key is to cook them on a medium-high heat until all moisture evaporates.

- 3 Place spinach, sautéed mushrooms and Asa-go in a serving bowl. Pour dressing over salad and toss. Serve immediately. **ROSE REISMAN**

Ingredients:

Salad

- 3 cups oyster mushrooms, sliced in half
- 8 cups baby spinach
- 1/2 cup shredded Asa-go (or Parmesan) cheese

Dressing

- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 Tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 1 Tbsp light mayonnaise
- 2 tsp honey
- 1/2 tsp finely chopped garlic
- 1/2 tsp Dijon mustard
- pinch of salt and pepper

Preparation:

- 1 Lightly coat a nonstick skillet with cooking spray and sauté mushrooms over medium heat for about 8 minutes, or just until no longer wet and slightly browned. Keep warm.
- 2 Prepare dressing by whisking olive oil, balsamic vinegar, mayo, honey, garlic, mustard, salt and pepper.

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"Chrysler Group and its brands do not tolerate inappropriate language or behaviour, and apologize to anyone who may have been offended by this communication."

So read Chrysler's press release following the dismissal of an employee at its public relations firm who mistakenly tweeted on Chrysler's account that no one in Detroit knows how to drive.

In many respects, that example signals a growing trend: employees tweeting "casually" about their lives not realizing that what they say on Twitter has workplace-related consequences. Here are some common areas of concern.

* Spending an inordinate amount of time using Twitter at work for non-business-related purposes is tantamount to theft of an employer's time, which can be cause for dismissal.

* Comments posted on Twitter can link the au-

thor to her employer, even though no connection is intended. Contact information on Twitter accounts often includes a place of work, and therefore employees who tweet objectionable or defamatory material may be mistakenly perceived as having done so for their employer, which is exactly what happened in the Chrysler case above. Because of this, employers have a right to monitor their employees' tweets, even when they are made outside of business hours.

* Criminal laws can also be invoked if employees harass or intimidate co-workers through Twitter. These employees can end up surfacing the classifieds for a criminal defence lawyer, as well as for a new job. Further, since courts have used blog or Facebook posts as grounds to uphold discipline, they will have little difficulty construing tweets in the same manner.

* Also, unlike general Internet use, which is private, Twitter posts do not simply disappear. Tweets containing offensive comments, pictures or links to stories become incontrovertible evidence of an employee's behaviour. Like an email, a tweet can be traced back to the originator, long after the fact.

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WWF is helping to grow young environmental leaders across Canada with its Green CommUnity School Grants Program, made possible by Loblaw Companies Limited. With six rounds of funding over three years, schools can apply each spring and winter season through 2012 for grants of up to \$5,000 for anything and everything from a bicycle repair shop to a biodiversity garden. The program is open to any student or teacher with a green dream for their school or community.

Looking for some inspiration for what your school can do? Chances are you don't need to look any further than your own community. These grants have funded 59 projects to date in communities small and large, from P.E.I. to the Northwest Territories.

Hampton High in New Brunswick, for example, created a sustainable fishing and angling club. Teacher and project lead Hardy Cameron calls it an education in sustainability using fishing as the hook to engage students.

Projects are springing up in Canada's western



provinces as well. Tom Baines School in Calgary, Alberta, has done some amazing work since deciding to perform a garbage audit a few months ago. The audit showed where the school could improve its current recycling program and the grant will help purchase super-sorter, multi-compartment bins that allow more effective separation of plastics, paper and bottles or cans.

For Ryan Morgan, the teacher leading this green initiative, the project isn't just about garbage reduction. It is also a tool to educate students, parents and teachers about the prob-

lems of excessive consumption and waste.

With a truly "green" take on WWF's Green CommUnity School Grants Program, Peacock Collegiate in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan created an interactive educational vegetable garden. The garden will expand the learning and life opportunities for students with sensory and special needs, at-risk students and teen moms, by addressing hunger and providing education on healthy organic foods. The learning garden has become much more than schooling – it's literally a way of life for this prairie community. WWF's

Go ahead, apply!

Apply for a Green CommUnity School Grant online at www.wwf.ca/greencommunity-grants.

- Schools can apply for up to \$5,000.
- Deadline for the next round of funding is: October 2011.
- Winners will be announced in: December 2011..

grant provided funds for what's needed to prepare and plant the site and set it up, but the real elbow grease came from the students giving their time to the project, participating from seed to table.

Another great result of the Green CommUnity School Grants Program sprouts directly from its source.

The program is supported by partial proceeds from Loblaw Companies' national charge-for-plastic shopping bag program, which both funds green initiatives and helps reduce the number of plastic shopping bags in landfills.

NEWS CANADA

Nine-to-five sans dough

Book paints a bleak portrait of the world of unpaid internships Shows little to no regulation

Perlin, author of new book, *Intern Nation: How to Earn Nothing and Learn Little in the Brave New Economy*, views the competition for internships among college kids and even jobless grads and high schoolers, as not only absurd, but even legally questionable when meas-

ured against labour laws governing internships.

Perlin, himself a pay-chequeless but satisfied intern a few years ago, estimates that roughly one to two million people take the resumé-burnishing gigs every year in the United States, with more around

the globe.

Three-quarters of about 10 million students at four-year colleges and universities in the U.S. take at least one internship before graduating, according to the College Employment Research Institute.

Interns permeate most

every corner of the economy, from Disney World to Capitol Hill, the Fortune 500 to the non-profit sector, Main Street to Silicon Valley. They fetch coffee, clean toilets and staple, but they also do more substantive work for little or no pay, Perlin said.

Perlin estimates that a third to a half of all interns go unpaid. "It's the only major category of work that I know of that is not tracked at all by the Bureau of Labor Statistics," Perlin said. "Nobody's paying attention."

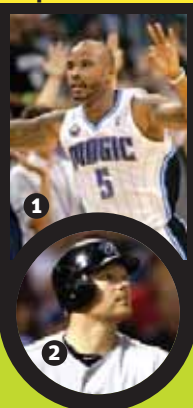
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winning and survive unpaid? Benjamin Kunkel



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Sports in brief



1 The Orlando Magic stayed alive in the play-offs with a 101-76 win over the Atlanta Hawks.

2 Adam Lind homered twice in the Toronto Blue Jays' 10-3 win over the Texas Rangers in Arlington.
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► Brian Gionta scores on Boston's Tim Thomas last night.

Canadiens take it to 7

► Bruins' penalties come back to bite them ► Price protects lead in third

Brian Gionta and Michael Cammalleri scored during two separate two-man advantages and the Montreal Canadiens forced a decisive Game 7 in their first-round playoff series with a 2-1 victory over the Boston Bruins last night.

Dennis Seidenberg scored for Boston, which played more than half the game without ejected winger Milan Lucic, but still shutout the Canadiens 32-27.

Boston had taken the lead in the closely contest-



ed series with consecutive overtime wins, but couldn't get the equalizer behind Carey Price despite outshooting Montreal 11-6 in the third period.

It was a nervous game for both teams, with spotty passing and missed opportunities on both sides.

The crowd of 21,273 booed as a Montreal goal at 3:27 of the first period was disallowed due to a quick whistle.

Scott Gomez's dump-in was misplayed by Thomas and lay clearly open beside Thomas as Gionta slipped it in the net.

Cammalleri was the catalyst for the opening goal as he threw the puck

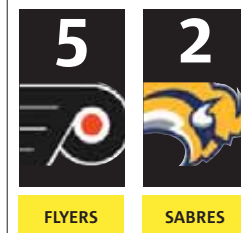
toward the Boston bench and caught them for too many men on the ice, then had his stick slashed in two by Seidenberg for a two-man advantage.

Cammalleri then scored on a one-timer from a P.K. Subban pass at 10:07.

The Bruins struck back with the teams each down one man only 48 seconds into the second as Seidenberg came out from behind the net and lifted it inside the post.

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Flyers roll to series victory



Brian Boucher stopped 25 shots and the Philadelphia Flyers advanced to the Eastern Conference semifinals with a 5-2 win over the Buffalo Sabres in Game 7 of their first-round series last night.

The Flyers raced to a 4-0 lead and chased Buffalo goalie Ryan Miller in the third.

It was a switch from the rest of the series, where the Flyers had trouble in the net. They started three goalies in seven games. Boucher won Games 2 and 6 in relief, but was stout for all 60 minutes in the series clincher.

The defending conference champions must wait to learn their next opponent.

Braydon Coburn, Danny Briere, James van Riemsdyk, and Ville Leino all scored against Miller to suck the drama out of Game 7.

The Flyers surely won't complain about a rout after a tightly contested and topsy-turvy series, in which five of the first six games were decided by one goal.

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Tiger to miss a few weeks with knee injury

Tiger Woods has a minor injury to his left knee and Achilles tendon that will keep him out of the Wells Fargo Championship next week.

Woods said on his website yesterday he hurt himself hitting a shot during

11th Tiger Woods won at Quail Hollow in 2007 and had never finished worse than 11th until missing the cut last year.

the third round of the Masters. It's the fourth time he

has missed a tournament due to his left knee. Woods did not say when he might return, but he hopes to be back in a few weeks.

"This is precautionary. We're not at all concerned," said his agent Mark Steinberg. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sports in brief

Raonic moves on in Portugal

TENNIS. Canadian Milos Raonic won his opening match at the Estoril Open yesterday, over Russian Igor Andreev 6-4, 6-4 to set up a second-round contest with Portugal's Joao Sousa.

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Dodgers owner to meet with league

MLB. L.A. Dodgers owner Frank McCourt said he will travel to New York to meet with MLB executives today about the appointment of a monitor to run the team. MLB seized his team after it was reported he arranged a \$30-million US loan to meet payroll.

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Washington (1) vs. N.Y. Rangers (8)

(Washington wins 4-1)

Philadelphia (2) vs. Buffalo (7)

(Philadelphia wins 4-3)

Last night's result

Philadelphia 5 Buffalo 2

Boston (3) vs. Montreal (6)

(Series tied 3-3)

Last night's result

Montreal 2 Boston 1

Tonight's game

Montreal at Boston, 7 p.m.

Pittsburgh (4) vs. Tampa Bay (5)

(Series tied 3-3)

Monday's result

Tampa Bay 4 Pittsburgh 2

Tonight's game

Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Vancouver (1) vs. Chicago (8)

(Series tied 3-3)

Last night's result

Chicago at Vancouver

San Jose (2) vs. Los Angeles (7)

(San Jose wins 4-2)

Monday's result

San Jose 4 Los Angeles 3 (OT)

Detroit (3) vs. Phoenix (6)

(Detroit wins 4-0)

Anaheim (4) vs. Nashville (5)

(Nashville wins 4-2)

x — if necessary.

FLYERS 5, SABRES 2

First Period

1. Philadelphia, Coburn 1 (Briere) 19:41

Penalties — Gragnani Buf, Briere Pha (roughing) 2:57, Briere Pha (boarding) 15:23.

Second Period

2. Philadelphia, Briere 6 (Richards, Giroux) 4:45 (pp)

3. Philadelphia, van Riemsdyk 4 (Giroux, Pronger) 10:19 (pp)

Penalties — Giroux Pha (interference) 1:04, Myers Buf (interference) 4:40, Butler Buf (hooking) 9:09, Carle Pha (holding) 18:48, Myers Buf (slashing), Coburn Pha (cross-checking) 19:02.

Third Period

4. Philadelphia, Leino 3 (Carle) 1:59

5. Buffalo, Myers 1 (Stafford, Hecht) 6:33

6. Philadelphia, Carillo 2 (Versteeg, Timonen) 10:03

7. Buffalo, Boyes 1 (Roy, Myers) 15:21 (pp)

Penalties — Gerbe Buf (misconduct), Carcillo Pha (misconduct, game misconduct) 11:45, Timonen Pha (holding) 14:19, Ennis Buf (slashing) 19:01, Butler Buf (slashing) 19:41.

Shots

Buffalo 2 12 14 —28

Philadelphia 16 11 9 —36

Goal (shots-saves) — Buffalo: Miller (L.3-4-0) (28-24), Enroth (1:59 third) (8-7); Philadelphia: Boucher (W.4-1-0).

Power plays (goals-chances) — Buffalo: 1-4; Philadelphia: 2-4.

Referees — Dan O'Rourke, Stephen Walkom.

Linesmen — Brad Lazarowich, Brian Murphy.

Att. — 19,966 (19,537) at Philadelphia.

CANADIENS 2, BRUINS 1

First Period

1. Montreal, Cammalleri 3 (Subban, Plekanec) 10:07 (pp)

Penalties — Boston bench (too many men; served by Thornton) 8:54, Seidenberg Bos (slashing) 8:58, Kostitsyn Mtl (hooking) 19:39,

Bergeron Bos (goaltender interference) 19:52.

Second Period

2. Boston, Seidenberg 1 (Kelly, Peverley) 0:48

3. Montreal, Gionta 3 (Gomez, Camalleri) 5:48 (pp)

Penalties — Lucic Bos (boarding major, game misconduct) 4:37, Hamrik Mtl (interference)

10:16, Montreal bench (too many men; served by Darche) 13:49, Spacek Mtl (hooking) 16:26,

Horton Bos (slashing) 16:48.

Third Period — No scoring.

Penalty — Kelly Bos (high-sticking) 16:50.

Shots

Boston 10 11 11 —32

Montreal 11 10 6 —27

Goal — Boston: Thomas (L.3-3-0); Montreal:

Price (W.3-3-0). **Power plays** (goals-chances)

— Boston: 0-4; Montreal: 2-7.

Referees — Chris Lee, Kevin Pollock. **Linesmen** — Derek Amell, David Brisebois.

Att. — 21,273 (21,273) at Montreal.

SCORING LEADERS

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TENNIS

ATP

SERBIA OPEN

At Belgrade, Serbia

Singles — First Round

Ricardo Mello, Brazil, def. John Isner (5), U.S., 6-4, 7-6 (4).

Illya Marchenko, Ukraine, def. Ernests Gulbis (6), Latvia, 6-2, 6-4.

Feliciano Lopez, Spain, def. Juan Monaco (8), Argentina, 6-4, 7-5.

Somdev Devvarman, India, def. Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, 1-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Adrian Ungur, Romania, def. Ruben Ramirez Hidalgo, Spain, 6-7 (2), 6-3, 6-4.

Michael Berrer, Germany, def. Alexander Peya, Austria, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Fernando Gonzalez, Chile, def. Martin Klizan, Slovakia, 6-2, 6-4.

Marcel Granollers, Spain, def. Franco Skugor, Croatia, 7-5, 6-1.

Filippo Volandri, Italy, def. Dusan Lajovic, Serbia, 6-1, 6-4.

BMW OPEN

At Munich

Singles — First Round

Dustin Brown, Germany, def. Stanislas Wawrinka (2), Switzerland, 7-6 (6), 6-4, 7-5.

Marin Cilic (3), Croatia, def. Simone Bolelli, Italy, 7-5, 7-6 (4).

Florian Mayer (5), Germany, def. Steve Darcis, Belgium, 6-1, 6-2.

Nikolay Davydenko (7), Russia, def. Andrey Kuznetsov, Russia, 6-1, 7-6 (4).

Philipp Kohlschreiber (8), Germany, def. Robert Farah, Colombia, 6-3, 6-1.

Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, def. Andrey Golubev, Kazakhstan, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3.

Teymuraz Gabashvili, Russia, def. Rainer Schuettler, Germany, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Philipp Petzschner, Germany, def. Ivan Dodig, Croatia, 6-1, 6-4.

Julian Reister, Germany, def. Daniel Brands, Germany, 7-6 (1), 6-1.

Potito Starace, Italy, def. Jan Hajek, Czech Republic, 3-6, 6-4, 6-0.

Denis Gremelmayr, Germany, def. Robin Haase, Netherlands, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

Perry, Ana

Selanne, Ana

D.Sedin, Vcr

Clowe, SJ

Cammalleri, Mtl

Gagne, TB

Giroux, TB

Gragnani, Buf

S.Kolivu, Ana

Keith, Chi

Fisher, Wash

Ovechkin, Wash

Last night's games not included

TENNIS

ATP-WTA

ESTORIL OPEN

At Oeiras, Portugal

Men's Singles — First Round

Milos Raonic (5), Thornhill, Ont., def. Igor Andreev, Russia, 6-4, 6-4.

Thomas Bellucci (6), Brazil, def. Frederik Nielsen, Denmark, 7-5, 6-1.

Juan Martin Del Potro (8), Argentina, def. Pedro Sousa, Portugal, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

Frederico Gil, Portugal, def. Flavio Cipolla, Italy, 6-3, 6-2.

Pablo Cuevas, Uruguay, def. Pere Riba, Spain, 6-2, 6-4.

Eduard Roger-Vasselin, France, def. Marcos Daniel, Brazil, 6-3, 6-1.

Alejandro Falla, Colombia, def. Pablo Andujar, Spain, 4-6, 6-1, 4-4, retired.

Carlos Berlocq, Argentina, def. Daniel Gimeno-Traver, Spain, 6-4, 6-3.

Women's Singles — First Round

Jarmila Gajdosova (2), Australia, def. Renata Voracova, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-0.

Klara Zakopalova (3), Czech Republic, def. Beatriz Garcia Vidagany, Spain, 6-4, 7-6 (3).

Urszula Radwanska, Poland, def. Anastasiya Sevastova (4), Latvia, 5-7, 7-6 (5), 6-1.

Greta Arn (8), Hungary, def. Maria Joao Koehler, Portugal, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

Kristina Barrois, Germany, def. Sofia Arvidsson, Sweden, 6-3, 6-1.

Sloane Stephens, U.S., def. Melanie Oudin, U.S., 6-2, 6-1.

Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, def. Simona Halep, Romania, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (5).

Anastasiya Yakimova, Belarus, def. Tamira Paszek, Austria, 5-7, 4-0, retired.

WTA

BARCELONA OPEN

At Barcelona, Spain

Singles — First Round

Alberta Brianti, Italy, def. Tsvetana Pironkova (3), Bulgaria, 6-1, 6-2.

Mirjana Lucic, Croatia, def. Ekaterina Makarova (4), Russia, 7-6 (4), 6-3.

Sara Errani (5), Italy, def. Maria-Teresa Torro-Flor, Spain, 6-1, 6-0.

Lucie Hradecka, Czech Republic, def. Iveta Benesova (7), Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-4.

Laura Pous-Tio, Spain, def. Barbora Zlahlavova Strycova (9), Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-3.

Polona Hercog, Slovenia, def. Jamie Hampton, U.S., 6-4, 7-5.

Gisela Dulko, Argentina, def. Kimiko Date-Krumm, Japan, 7-5, 6-4.

Varvara Lepchenko, U.S., def. Elena Baltacha, Britain, 6-7 (3), 6-1, 6-2.

Virginie Razzano, France, def. Nuria Llagostera Vives, Spain, 7-5, 6-4.

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Kansas City 12 11 .522 2½

Detroit 12 11 .522 2½

Minnesota 9 12 .429 4½

Chicago 10 14 .417 5

WEST DIVISION

W L Pct GB

Texas 14 9 .609 —

Los Angeles 13 10 .565 1

Oakland 11 12 .478 3

Seattle 9 15 .375 5½

Last night's results

Toronto 10 Texas 3

Chicago White Sox 3 N.Y. Yankees 2

Baltimore 4 Boston 1

Seattle 7 Detroit 3

Cleveland 9 Kansas City 4

Tampa Bay at Minnesota, ppd.

Oakland at L.A. Angels

Monday's results

Toronto 6 Texas 4

Chicago White Sox 2 N.Y. Yankees 0

L.A. Angels 5 Oakland 0

Tonight's games

All times Eastern

Boston (Beckett 2-1) at Baltimore (Guthrie 1-3), 7:05 p.m.

Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 1-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Colon 1-1), 7:05 p.m.

Kansas City (Francis 0-2) at Cleveland (Tomlin 3-0), 7:05 p.m.

Oakland (T.Ross 1-2) at L.A. Angels (Haren 4-1), 7:05 p.m.

Seattle (Bedard 0-4) at Detroit (Verlander 2-2), 7:05 p.m.

Toronto (Jo-Reyes 0-2) at Texas (Holland 3-1), 8:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay (W.Davis 2-2) at Minnesota (Liriano 1-3), 8:10 p.m.

Tomorrow's games

Seattle at Detroit, 1:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 1:10 p.m., 1st game

Toronto at Texas, 2:05 p.m.

Boston at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.

Chicago White Sox at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.

Kansas City at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m., 2nd game

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DIVISIONAL SEMI-FINALS

EAST DIVISION

Saturday's game

Boston at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday's game

Rochester at Toronto, 3:30 p.m.

WEST DIVISION

Saturday's games

Colorado at Calgary, 8:30 p.m.

Washington at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.

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Engine options

All three of the Durango's trim levels — SXT, Crew Plus and Citadel — arrive with a 290-horsepower 3.6-litre V6.

Available on all but the base model is a 360-horsepower 5.7-litre "Hemi" V8 that deactivates half of its cylinders under cruise, coast and deceleration conditions, helping it achieve fuel-economy ratings of 16.6 l/100 km in city driving and 10.1 on the highway.

More space

Modifications on the 2011 Durango include extending the distance between the front and rear wheels by nearly 13 centimetres and overall length by 25 centimetres to allow space for a third-row seat.

The new Durango is now closely similar to the previous version, but is much easier to enter and exit due to its considerably less truck-like ride height.

Towing

Towing capacities will give the Durango's competitors a run for their money, especially V8 models that can pull up to 3,265 kilograms worth of boat, horse or vacation trailer.

V6 units offer a 2,800-kilogram towing capacity, which is more than the old Durango's base 3.7-litre V6 or optional 4.7-litre V8.

All-wheel-drive is standard, but exact system depends on engine choice.



Dodge's wagon applies for reinstatement into SUV club

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Once left for dead, the Dodge Durango has made a surprising comeback for 2011, after a two-year absence.

Still, it faces an uncertain future as steadily rising fuel costs could derail its return before it really gets off the ground.

Chrysler has redesigned or reformulated most of its 2011 product lineup and nowhere is that more evident than in the Durango.

The model was considered dead and buried by late 2008, but clearly Dodge had other plans.

They included building the big sport ute on a modified Jeep Grand Cherokee platform that's also being employed in the next-generation Mercedes-Benz M-Class.

The redesign has resulted in the best-looking Durango since the brand's 1998-model-year arrival.

Certainly there will always be a need for the power and passenger capacity offered by the Dodge Durango. However it remains to be seen if a two-year absence will affect its ability to make friends among the changing New World Order of sport ute fanatics.



► A rear view of the Dodge Durango.



► Overall, interior quality has taken a dramatic turn for the better in the Durango's class of vehicle, with tighter gaps and fanatical attention to detail.

Dodge Durango



What you should know about the 2011 Dodge Durango:

- **Types:** Four-door, all-wheel-drive, seven-passenger sport utility vehicle.
- **Engine (hp):** 3.6-litre DOHC V6 (290); 5.7-litre OHV V8 (360).
- **Transmission:** Five-speed automatic.
- **Points:** Rejuvenated model the most attractive Durango yet; Base V6 stronger than previous model's base V6 and V8 powerplants.
- **Stats:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 13.0/8.9 (3.6).

5 drive

By comparison

Chevrolet Traverse AWD

Base price: \$40,300
Comparable to Durango in size and fuel economy, but lacks a V8 option.



Ford Explorer 4WD

Base price: \$34,550
New-for-'11 model also loses its truck frame. A thrifty turbo I4 is optional.



Mazda CX-9 AWD

Base price: \$40,100
Sharply styled model specializes in behaving like a sedan on the road.



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A cautious approach

▶ Honda's latest Civic is evolutionary, not revolutionary — but that's probably a good thing



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Compared to its revamped rivals like the Hyundai Elantra, Mazda 3 or upcoming Ford Focus, changes to the new 2012 Honda Civic look less revolutionary and considerably more cautious.

No visible part of the new Civic is intensely different than the outgoing model, and changes are, perhaps decidedly, careful, sensible and nearly subtle.

Ultimately, Honda's intent was delivery of a package that will appeal to new shoppers while maintaining the character of the vehicle former owners were comfortable with. Designers have played it safe here, so to speak.

Engineers have worked a bit harder. For 2012, Civic updates consist largely of a slew of tweaks rather than a complete and total overhaul. Example?

The standard 1.8-litre engine is carried over — though improvements to various components have resulted in better performance and up to a 12 per cent increase in fuel efficiency.

Transmissions are tweaked carry-overs, too. Lightweight, cost-effective five-speed units in manual or automatic are still fitted to all standard models, and a colour-changing visual "ECO" indicator to help coach drivers to save more fuel.

Driving a mid-range Civic Coupe through the streets and highways of Washington, D.C., your writer noted the same comfortably taut suspension feel, below-average suspension noise and light, and lively feel that defined the last generation car.

The standard 140-horsepower engine is quiet until pushed, emits the trademark Honda engine growl when opened up, and delivers smooth performance throughout. Even redlined, Civic's engine makes nu-



▶ The redesigned Honda Civic boasts up to a 12 per cent increase in fuel efficiency over the outgoing model.



merous competitors feel downright brash.

Inside, revised body dimensions and smaller window pillars translate to more room and better visibility, respectively — and the 2012 Civic Coupe delivers front-seat roominess similar to the sedan.

Even your writer's wide and thick frame found no issues.

As usual, Honda's interi-



▶ The Civic Sedan (left), is pictured alongside the Civic Coupe.

or designers have ensured there's plenty of storage all around, too. No issue staying organized on the go here.

Need more space? Civic Sedan will be the lineup's volume seller. A Hybrid Sedan variant, also improved with more power and better mileage, will hit the market later this summer.

Regardless of the model

selected, Honda says the new Civic is no heavier than the outgoing 2011 unit, and that they've added hundreds, or even thousands of dollars worth of extra value to the lineup in terms of new features, revised equipment packaging and lowered pricing.

End of the day, the new Civic feels much like the model it's replacing — just slightly tidier, more com-

fortable and more refined. Owners of the last-generation Civic will feel right at home, if not slightly more comfortable and slightly less snug.

Shoppers after an exhaustive, complete overhaul aren't going to find it — but given Civic's many generations of proven performance and sales superstardom in Canada, that's probably not a bad thing.

Sporty Si

Fans of an out-of-the-box import-tuner pocket-rocket can opt for the sporty Civic Si with two or four doors and a new 2.4-litre engine that replaces the old two-litre "K20" unit from the old car.

▶ **Pros:** Lots more torque and a little more horsepower. That's 170 lb.-ft and 201 ponies, if you're counting.

▶ **Cons:** Redline falls by 1,000 RPM to 7,000 RPM.

▶ As it should, the Si still feels, looks and sounds notably more aggressive than the standard models — especially after the high-rpm VTEC cam changeover ramps up power output and sound effects. Drivers can now "watch" the process via a multistage "i-VTEC" indicator on the digital instrument cluster.

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NEW YORK SHOW ACKNOWLEDGES GAS PRICE ANGST

AUTO PILOT



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Lots of all-new and semi-new vehicles made their debuts at this week's New York Auto Show.

Many addressed the gas price thing head on. And if they didn't, they stood out like a sore thumb.

Lucky thing for those "sore thumb" types, however, that they look pretty darn cool, and in some cases, break-your-heart cool. So it's hard to stay mad at them.

Witness the new 2012 Chrysler 300 SRT8 with a new HEMI V8 rated at 465 hp and 465 lb-ft of torque, and the new 2012 Jaguar XKR-S, with 550 hp and a top speed of 186 mph.

The Scion FR-S Concept is a little more socially responsible, with its flat-four engine, but it's still more geared toward outright joy than outright fuel economy.

But now on to some random thoughts on "The Other Guys," the NY debuts that have some new weaponry, to battle the high-gas-price forces.

Balancing power with fuel efficiency

Used to be, every time a car got redesigned, it ended up being bigger, heavier and more powerful — which always hurt the fuel efficiency cause. These days, automakers are holding back the power increases to make sure their vehicles hit certain fuel efficiency targets. In the U.S. the mag-



► Behold the Scion FR-S Concept, which was on display at the New York Auto Show.

ic fuel efficiency number seems to be 40 mpg (about 5.9 L/100 km). At New York, we welcomed three more new models into the elite 40-mpg club — 2012 Honda Civic HF, 2012 Kia Rio Sedan and 2012 Mazda3.

The new 2012 Versa Sedan, also introduced at New York, is not far behind, at 37 mpg.

Auto-start is staring up
The new Rio employs an

auto-start system, which shuts the engine down whenever it is at idle, and immediately starts the engine as soon the brake pedal is released. Another show debutant, the newly revised 2012 Chevrolet Malibu, also gets this feature.

While it has been prevalent in Europe for a few years now, North America is just starting to get with

the auto-start program. Expect lots of cars to get this gas-saving feature in the coming months, and years.

Big vehicle, small motor
Americans have spoken. They will mostly remain in the vehicle size they have now, even if gas prices are scary. Going down a vehicle size is not an option for them, because they have big highways, big stuff to haul around, and generally

big bodies. So they're looking for more efficient powertrain options in those generously sized vehicles.

Ford is right on this case, first introducing a 4-cylinder option in the Explorer, and now adding this same 2.0-litre turbo engine option to the newly-revised 2012 Taurus line (which had its coming out party at New York).

Small car chic

We're continuing to see more small cars that are more than just cheap transportation.

They're also cool to look at and cool to drive.

The new VW Beetle was simultaneously introduced at the New York and Shanghai auto shows, and eschews a bit of cuteness for more sporty pretensions. Okay by me.

The Fiat 500C, a convertible-like version of the 500, also broke cover at New York, and, just looking at it, makes me want to down a cappuccino.

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A used hatch from across the pond

► Astra was short lived, but loved for fun factor and efficiency

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What's the 4-1-1

- **Model:** 2008 to 2009 Saturn Astra
- **Vehicle Type:** 3 or 5-door hatchback
- **Approximate used price range:** \$9,000 to \$14,000

With the intention of answering thousands of shoppers screaming for European product in Canadian showrooms, GM started re-badging the Opel Astra with a Saturn badge and shipping units over from across the pond for the 2008 model year.

The resulting Saturn Astra was a 3 or 5-door hatchback with four-cylinder

power and front-wheel drive that largely hit the mark where ride quality, handling, interior execution and styling were concerned. Right as Astra was gearing up to be a hit, a recession, bankruptcy protection and a storm of economic nastiness befell the automaker, and the subsequent decision to give the

Saturn brand its pink slip killed the Astra off after just two model years.

Looking for a 2008 or 2009 Astra? All models got a 1.8-litre, four-cylinder ECOTEC engine paired with a four-speed automatic or the recommended five-speed manual. The manual gearbox offers the most opportunity for drivers to

maximize Astra's 138 horsepower.

Astra was sold in a basic "XE" trim level, and a more loaded "XR" model, too.

What Owners Like

Tight handling, fuel efficiency, styling, flexibility and ride comfort are typically highly rated by Astra owners. Those with a manual-equipped model tend to

rate the shifter and clutch highly, too. In all, Astra is described as cheerful, upscale and fun to drive.

What Owners Hate

Complaints tend to centre around the lack of a standard centre armrest, as well as poor rearward visibility, small steering-wheel audio controls and initially-confusing stereo system.

Common Issues

Online, owner-stated reliability is somewhat limited thanks to the Astra's short lifespan — though a used model has a few things going for it right off the bat.

In addition to what looks to be a very pleasing driving experience, GM's 160,000 kilometre powertrain warranty should provide shoppers with plenty of

confidence. With five years of coverage, many used Astra models will have a great deal of warranty coverage remaining.

Be sure to double and triple-check the air conditioner for proper operation, as several owners have reported problems with the system "pulsing" or working intermittently.

Note that a check engine light and reduced engine power could be the result of a bad engine sensor, and that a "scan" of the engine computer for stored codes could reveal potential problems on this front too.

The Verdict

A used Astra, especially with a large remaining portion of GM's warranty, should prove a confident, enjoyable used hatch.



► 2009 Saturn Astra XR 2-door

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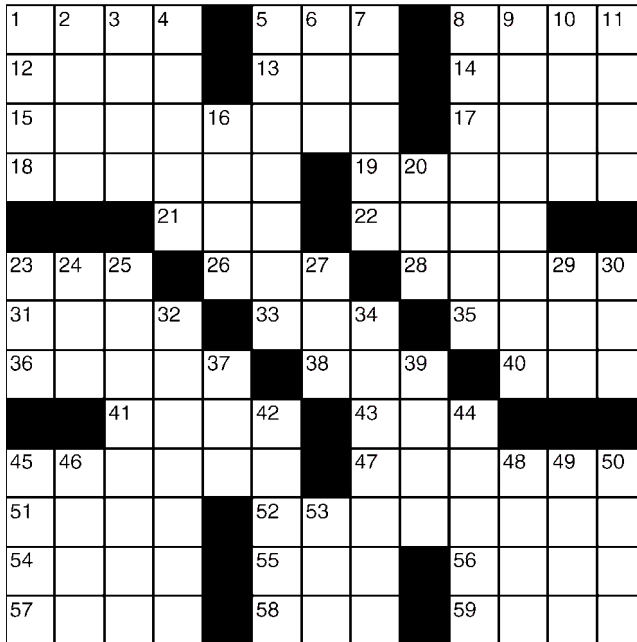
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Across

- 1 Disarray
5 Drunkard
8 MacDonald's place
12 Year-end celebration
13 Lawyers' org.
14 Dunkable treat
15 Hiker's energy source
17 Bellow
18 Mingle (with)
19 Sequentially
21 Pitching stat
22 Replaces divots
23 Fool
26 Wet wriggler
28 Handle skillfully
31 Comestibles
33 Lair
35 Inside picture?
36 Potato, for one
38 Have a bug
40 That woman
41 Harvest
43 Mai — (cocktail)
45 Asian capital
47 Buccaneer
51 Brewery products
52 Temporary solution
54 French meat entree
55 Trojans' sch.
56 Sea eagle
57 Charon's river
58 "A mouse!"
59 Iditarod team

Down

- 1 Legend
2 Modern money
3 Thick chunk
4 River through Paris
5 Did a springy Brazil-



- ian dance
6 Japanese sash
7 Urban fleet
8 New Jersey base
9 Wake-up calls
10 Ca-boose's place
11 Early hours
16 Traditional tales
20 Promptly
23 Astern
24 Not worth a —
25 AA goal
27 Meadow
29 — -di-dah
30 Coloring agent
32 Discard
34 Argue over trifles
37 "Norma —"
39 Secular
42 Irritate
44 Annoyed
45 Sailors
46 Greatly
48 Roundish do
49 Chime sound
50 Former partners
53 Work with

► Yesterday's answer



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♉ **Taurus** April 21-May 21 The emotional bruises you get today will be balanced by the knowledge that they're helping you in some way.

♊ **Gemini** May 22-June 21 You will have a profound effect on those around you today.

♋ **Cancer** June 22-July 22 You will be tempted to have words with those who only seem to complain. Why don't you?

♌ **Leo** July 23-Aug. 23 Put your mind to it and you'll find ways to make sense of something that didn't make sense before.

♍ **Virgo** Aug. 24-Sept. 22 It's okay to be outspoken but don't expect others to just sit there and take it.

♎ **Libra** Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Make an effort to get along with others. You'll accomplish a lot.

♏ **Scorpio** Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Stop trying to make it appear as if you're in control of every and every situation.

♐ **Sagittarius** Nov. 23-Dec. 21 There seems to be tension in the air. You need to defuse the situation. Start by not judging.

♑ **Capricorn** Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Maybe it's time to start looking around for new opportunities. Your talent is in demand.

♒ **Aquarius** Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Today, you'll have the energy to get things done quickly.

♓ **Pisces** Feb. 19-March 20. Be honest with loved ones today, even at the risk of upsetting them. SALLY BROMPTON

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